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MARINE OILS

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 7132 (NOTAL), (B) EC BRUSSELS 7671

1. ON AUGUST 17, CHARGE ACCOMPANIED BY E/C CHIEF
CALLED ON RENE AMANY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
IVORIAN MARKETING BOARD TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX. THE
MARKETING BOARD HAD ONLY TAKEN OVER FROM SODEPALM THE
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MARKETING OF PALM OIL PRODUCTS IN JUNE, SO THAT

AMANY WAS NOT INFORMED IN DETAIL ON THE PROPOSED TAX. HE DID EXPRESS GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT ACP COUNTRIES WERE EXEMPT, AND THAT STABEX WOULD PROTECT IVORIAN INTERESTS.

2. CHARGE SAID WE HAD CONFIRMATION FROM US MISSION IN BRUSSELS THAT ACP COUNTRIES WERE NOT EXEMPT AND E/C CHIEF ELABORATED AS TO WHY STABEX WOULD NOT PROTECT IVORIAN INTERESTS. ON THE CONTRARY, WE SAID TAX WOULD ULTIMATELY DECREASE SUCH PROTECTION, DRAWING ON POINTS IN PARA 4, REFTEL B, PARTS B, C, D, AND E. CHARGE AND E/C CHIEF THEN PROCEEDED TO NAME COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED PROTESTS WITH EC OVER PROPOSED TAX MEASURE, INCLUDING US.

3. AMANY SAID HE WOULD LOOK THOROUGHLY INTO THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE TAX ON EXPORTS OF PALM OIL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SEEKING ADVICE OF IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR TO EC. AS EC BRUSSELS KNOWS, THIS AMBASSADOR DOES NOT UNDERSTAND ADVERSE IMPACT OF TAX, AND IT MAY BE WELL TO MAKE EXPLANATORY APPROACH.
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